

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:  
a container cut off from the atmosphere;  
an electroluminescence element in the container; and  
a drying agent in the container,  
~~wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and~~  
~~wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal~~  
wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more.
2. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.
3. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.
4. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

5. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

6. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

7. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

8. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

9. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

10. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

11. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

12. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:  
a container cut off from the atmosphere;  
an electroluminescence element in the container; and  
a drying agent in the container,  
wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and

wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more, and

~~wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.~~

13. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

14. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

15. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

16. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

17. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

18. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

19. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

20. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

21. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

22. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

23. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:  
a container cut off from the atmosphere;  
an electroluminescence element in the container; and  
a drying agent in the container,  
wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more, and

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide, and

~~wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.~~

24. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ .

25. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises  $\text{CaO}$ .

26. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

27. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

28. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

29. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

30. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

31. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

32. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

33. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

34. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

35. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

36. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:  
a container cut off from the atmosphere;  
an electroluminescence element in the container; and  
a drying agent in the container,  
wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more,  
wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide, and  
wherein the drying agent is formed by a sol-gel method, ~~and~~  
~~wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.~~

37. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ .

38. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises  $\text{CaO}$ .

39. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

40. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

41. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

42. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

43. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

44. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

45. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

46. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

47. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

48. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

49. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:  
an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, wherein a drying agent comprising a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more is provided in contact with the second substrate; and

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

~~wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and~~

~~wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.~~

50. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the second substrate has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

51. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

52. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

53. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

54. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

55. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.



56. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

57. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

58. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

59. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, wherein a drying agent comprising a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more is provided in contact with the second substrate; and

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and

~~wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.~~

60. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the second substrate has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

61. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

62. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

63. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

64. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

65. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

66. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

67. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

68. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

69. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

70. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

71. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

72. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

73. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

74. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

75. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

76. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

77. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

78. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

79. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

80. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.